

# The Contest JUG



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## A NEW QTH!

### CONTEST CALENDAR

April: 26-27 Helvetia Contest  
28-NCCC Meeting, 7:30 PM  
CWA Union Hall, Hayward  
(see below right)

May: 3-4 NY QSO Party  
10-11-CQ-M Contest  
17-18-EME Contest  
24-25-WPX CW  
26-NCCC Meeting, 7:30PM

### Farewell Address de WA6VEF

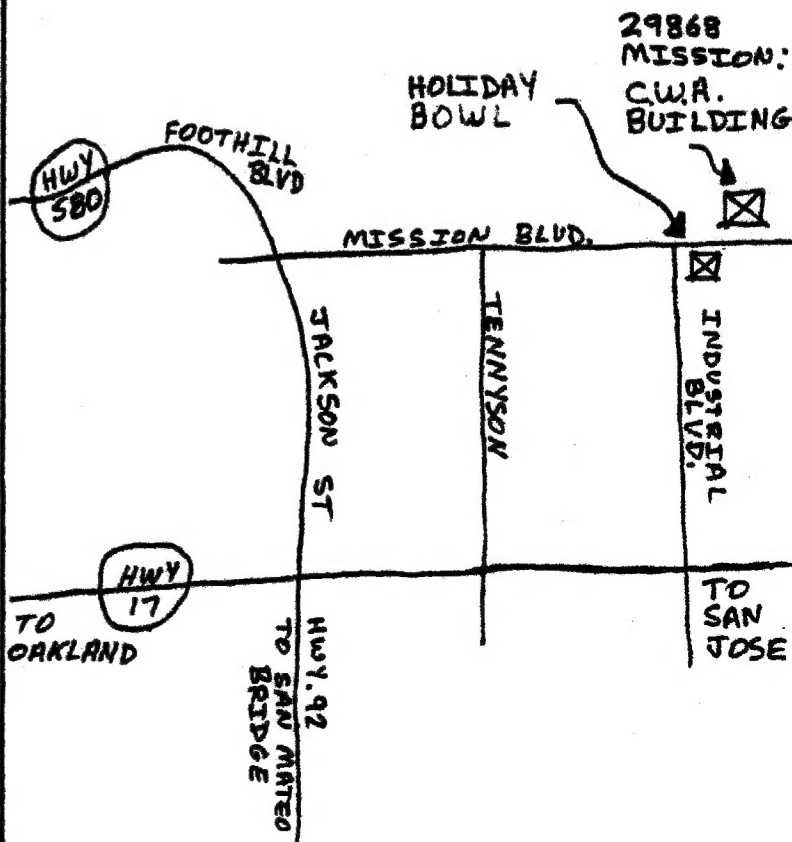
It was kind of like a dream. I heard this sinister and sadistic laugh, but I couldn't see his face. All I could see was this bright, pumpkin orange shirt which read "NCCC #1 IN SS". I felt the staggering pain, as he twisted the cork-screw another half turn. I stifled a cry. He asked me again if I would change my mind. "NO", I declared, "I'm not going to serve another term as president of the Northern California Contest Club!"

And so all good things must come to an end. It's been a fun year for NCCC--a year filled with a lot of good times. And our accomplishments? Well, we proved that we could run our club efficiently under the constraints of a mandatory financial budget. We presented a talk on contesting and the NCCC to more than 700 amateurs in 12 Bay Area general-interest ham clubs, attracting about 25 new members to the Club. We established, with success, an Awards Committee to maintain a consistency in the NCCC Awards program. We sponsored plaques to be given to the single-op winner of the 1979 CQ 160 Meter Contest and the high scoring Japanese entry in the 1980 ARRL DX Competition. We upgraded our 2 meter repeater, WR6ADM, to a solid-state model. And we changed our meeting place to a larger and more comfortable room.

We also contested as a Club, and did it in style. Many state and county scoring records were smashed in the 1979 California QSO Party. We amassed a record 15.8 Megapoints in the 1979 SS. And we

### NEW MEETING LOCATION

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Vallio, N6KB, the NCCC now has a new meeting place. Beginning with the April 28 meeting, we will hold our monthly assemblages at the Communications Workers of America building, 29868 Mission Blvd., in South Hayward. The program will feature Ron Lodewyck, N6EE, who will speak on the subject of Computers and Contesting. It's also time for club elections, so be sure to attend!



GARY'S LAST GASP  
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managed a respectable 40+ million points in this year's ARRL DX Competition.

I would like to thank one fine group of NCCers for their work on this year's Board of Directors. Pete Gaddy, W6XX, vice-President/Contest Chairman; Rick Tavan, N6XI, Secretary/Treasurer; Ken Ruddock, K6HNZ, Director; Bob Vallio, N6KB, Director; Rusty Epps, N6SF, Director; and Jim Pratt, N6IG, JUG Editor. Thanks also to Ken Keeler, N6RO, for hosting the summer picnic and heading up the Awards Committee; Alan Brubaker, K6XO, for taking on the CQP; Tom Schiller, N6BT, for organizing the Christmas Banquet and serving on the awards committee; Bob Wilson, N6TV, for co-chairing the SS; and Russ Bentson, K6KLY, for his photographic help.

Onward! See you at the meeting!

Gary Caldwell  
WA6VEF

ROSTER UPDATE

W1CW/W1YL  
Bob and Ellen White  
19620 SW 234th St.  
Homestead, FLA. 33031  
(effective May 7)

THE JUGGISTS VALEDICTORY MESSAGE

Once again, the time has come to pass along the reins of the NCCC newsletter, the JUG, to a new and idealistic editor. Before doing this, let's take a moment to sit and reflect on the job and the duties it carries.

Editing the JUG is what some would call a thankless job. Compiling, typing, printing, folding, stapling, mutilating, and mailing a paper of this size takes a great deal of time. Occasionally there may be a "good job" or two from the readers, but more often it is "Boy, did the JUG stink!" And yet all these critics these masters of editorial knowledge, go into hiding when a successor is being chosen.

But the job is not all glamor and glitter. Late or nonexistent articles promised by members and officers, postal screw-ups, printer screw-ups, and the like all help to make the job what it really is---a pain in the butt.

Why, you ask, does a person like me take on a job like this? Certainly not for praise or glory! It is done because a concerned person realizes it has to be done, and no one else will do it.

With this, I close a truly eventful year as JUGGIST. I will never forget it! To the members---give the new editor all the compassion you gave me. To the editor---take two aspirin and keep a typin'!!!

Jim Pratt  
N6IG

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